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**Xp Lee to Run for City Council for Brooklyn Park's East District in Special Election**  
Xp for BP Campaign Announcement

BROOKLYN PARK, MN --- Xiongpaoo "Xp" Lee officially announced that he is running for City Council for the East District in Brooklyn Park's special election in February of 2022.

Xp said during his announcement speech, "We need to come together to support each other because this is our home, and home isn't just a place we live in. Home is where the heart is and I love this city."

As a Hmong-American refugee, Xp immigrated to the United States as a child. He grew up in the central valley of California in Fresno and became the first in his family to graduate from a four-year university. Eventually moving to Minnesota, by way of South Carolina. Xp was Community Liaison for the City of Brooklyn Park in 2017, served as Public Policy Manager at Minnesota Council on Foundations helping to lead the 2020 MN Census Mobilization Partnership, and is currently a Covid Community Coordinator Lead with the Minnesota Department of Health's Cultural, Faith and Disability branch.

Xp and his wife, See, moved to Brooklyn Park in 2010 and lived in the River View neighborhood just a short walk from the Mississippi Gateway Regional Park where they would go on walks and bike rides. In 2016, Xp and See became homeowners for the first time in a cul-de-sac in the Candlewood neighborhood. Finally, settling into a two-story home in the Edinburgh neighborhood a few houses down from their sister and brother-in-law, and a few minutes drive from their parents home in the Tessman neighborhood- who have lived in Brooklyn Park since 2004.

"Through my public service work, I've seen the immense potential of the people of Brooklyn Park and the power that we have when we come together and work as a community," said Xp. "We are a city of tomorrow and we can lead the way not only in Minnesota and America, but even across the world. We can be a global village where people are truly engaged, interconnected, and proud of where they live.

We can be a city where residents are working with elected officials, city staff, and our men and women in uniform towards safer neighborhoods. We can have thriving local businesses that draw in customers from all over the region. We can create equitable opportunities that are inclusive of and accessible to everyone no matter your background. So rise with me as friends, as family, as neighbors. Rise with me to meet tomorrow's challenges today and let's keep moving Brooklyn Park forward, together!"

The Xp Lee for Brooklyn Park campaign kick-off event will occur on Thursday, October 28 at 6:30 pm. For more information on this event visit [www.xpforbp.com](http://www.xpforbp.com).

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